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Dear Friend,

Today, April 29, 2009, marks the **100th day** of the Barack Obama Presidency, as well as the 114th day of the 111th Congress. This is the first time since the mid 1990's that Democrats have controlled the White House and both Houses of Congress. I know that the President isn't focused on the occasion of 100th day, which is a completely artificial mark on the calendar. Rather, the President and I are totally focused on the important work that remains to be done to turn our country around. Nevertheless, it is fair for Americans to ask what their government has done in the first 3 ½ months of our tenure. So, I wanted to make sure that my constituents have a report card on just what we've done.

There can be no doubt that the partnership we've developed with the President has resulted in an aggressive agenda to bring the change Americans want to our economy, our government and to our relationship with the rest of the world.

**In his first 100 days, the President has:**

- Passed the most ambitious economic recovery package in history, providing immediate relief for Americans who have lost their jobs and saving or creating, over the next two years, millions of private sector jobs that will put Americans to work doing the work America needs done. The recovery package is already pumping as much as \$1 billion dollars a day into communities all across America. **Our area alone has received \$5.6 million for the critically needed repairs at Independence National Historical Park, a national treasure; \$5 million for runway repairs at Philadelphia International Airport; \$90.5 million for the Philadelphia Housing Authority for capital improvement projects and \$13.5 million for Philadelphia law enforcement and criminal justice assistance.**
- Crafted a recovery plan and budget that lay the groundwork for long-term prosperity by dealing with our most pressing needs: the development of alternative energy and the jobs and security a clean energy economy will bring; health care reform to reduce costs and assure quality, affordable health care for all Americans; and unprecedented education investments and reforms aimed at ensuring that, in this global economy, our children are once again the best-educated in the world.
- Followed through on his commitments to the middle class, enacting tax breaks for 95 percent of working Americans and measures to make college more affordable; extending health care coverage to millions more uninsured children of working families and signing the Lily Ledbetter law to guarantee equal pay for equal work for America's working women.
- Taken action to deal with the crisis in our credit markets with programs to get credit flowing again to small businesses, homeowners and students. And he has set in motion a process to address the legacy of the reckless speculation on Wall Street that

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has crippled lending, including badly needed financial regulatory reforms.

- Put us on a course to cut the deficit in half in four years, understanding that America's economic future requires a return to fiscal discipline.
- Provided health care coverage for 11 million children by finally providing cost-effective health coverage for 4 million more children whose parents earn too little to provide their own insurance, but too much to qualify for Medicaid, and preserving coverage for 7 million children already enrolled.
- Followed through on his commitment to seek a better plan abroad, repair our frayed alliances and build coalitions to deal with global threats.
- Rallied the world at the G-20 behind concrete steps to deal with the global financial crisis and won the unanimous support of the UN Security Council, including China and Russia, for enhanced economic sanctions in response to North Korea's provocative missile launch.
- Launched a multi-pronged initiative effort to reverse the tide of nuclear proliferation, reinvigorated our international effort on Iran's illicit nuclear program and revived critical arms control talks with the Russians.
- Begun the process of responsibly ending the war in Iraq and united our NATO allies and other partners behind a focused, new strategy in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- Kept his commitment to upholding America's values, banning the use of torture and ordering the closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention facility.
- Opened the door to a promising new era in our own hemisphere, breaking down old barriers and challenging failed policies.
- Kept faith with the American people by working to deliver a government that is open and transparent, responsive and accountable to the American people.
- Instituted the toughest ethics rules on record and curbed the influence of special interests and lobbyists in the federal government's decision-making.
- Launched Recovery.Gov to chart the expenditure of recovery funds so that the American people know where their tax dollars are being spent and conducted the first virtual town hall so that Americans can have access to their President.
- Fulfilled his pledge to restore science to its rightful place and sent a clear signal that evidence and fact will no longer be trumped by ideology.

**In addition to this impressive record, the House of Representatives, under the leadership of the Speaker, has passed the following historic legislation:**

- Over the objections of Republican leaders, the House passed the COPS Improvements Act which will put 50,000 additional police officers on America's streets over the next 5 years.
- We're working to launch clean water projects across America by enacting the Water Quality Investment Act. The Act creates an estimated 680,000 jobs over the next five years.
- Building on the President's efforts, the House passed the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act. This bill provides significant incentives to lenders, servicers, and homeowners to work together to modify loans and to avoid foreclosures—costing families their homes every 13 seconds in America; and in some cases, allowing bankruptcy judges to modify the terms of loans for families with existing mortgages.
- The House is working to bring accountability to Wall Street by passing the TARP Accountability And Pay For Performance Act, to strengthen accountability of the financial rescue effort launched by President Bush; support President Obama refocusing of efforts to get credit flowing to businesses and families and provide new tools to fix the housing foreclosure crisis; to set up an Inspector General to monitor TARP spending; and ban unreasonable compensation to top employees at participating institutions.

- The House granted the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate the advertising, marketing, and manufacturing of tobacco products, which are currently the number-one cause of preventable death in America responsible for about 1 in 5 deaths each year, \$193 billion annually in health care costs and lost productivity, and 1,000 children each day becoming new, regular smokers.

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-newsletter. As always, please contact any of my offices below with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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